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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON PLO OFFICE IN EAST

BERLIN

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1. UK EMBASSY HERE HAS NOW BEEN ABLE TO GIVE US AN
AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE ON QUESTION OF ALLIED APPROACH TO
SOVIETS REGARDING EAST BERLIN PLO OFFICE. UKBER HAD
REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN
ISSUED.

2. AS STATED BY UK REP IN OCT. 21 TRIPARTITE MEETING,
FCO NEGATIVE POSITION ON APPROACH IS BASED ON THREE
POINTS: (A) IN VIEW OF VERY GENERAL NATURE OF WARNINGS
TO DUTCH AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS, IT IS DOUBTFUL IF ANY
APPROACH TO SOVIETS SHOULD BE LINKED TO THESE WARNINGS.

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FURTHER, UK BELIEVES DUTCH SEE THE HAGUE EVENTS AS THE

FULFILLMENT OF THE GDR WARNING; (B) IT WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE IN ALLIED INTEREST TO ADVOCATE IN BERLIN CONTEXT SUCH A BROAD INTERPRETATION OF "SECURITY"; AND (C) SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD HAVE NO POSITIVE EFFECT AND COULD POSSIBLY HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT THAT GDR WOULD TAKE LESS INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND NOT IN FUTURE PASS ON SUCH INFO AS THEY DID TO DUTCH AND ITALIANS. DURING EARLIER, BILATERAL, EXCHANGE, UK EMBOFF SAID IN VIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UN RE THE PLO IT WOULD SEEM TO BE OF NO USE TO MAKE APPROACH OVER A PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN. UK, HE ADDED, ALSO HAD TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FACT THAT PLO HAS OFFICE IN LONDON.

3. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED AS TO POSITION TAKEN BY FRBER, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE AGAINST JOINING IN ANY SUCH APPROACH. (COMMENT: IN VIEW OF SAUVAGNARGUES-ARAFAT MEETING, THIS IS NOT SURPRISING.) RESTATEMENT BY US REP OF REASONS WHY APPROACH IS DESIRABLE MET WITH NO SUCCESS, UK REP STATING THAT FCO INSTRUCTIONS HAD TAKEN THESE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT AS A RESULT OF THEIR HAVING BEEN PUT FORTH EARLIER BY USBER. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN UNILATERAL FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO SOVIETS BY USBER.
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